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All Interested Parties:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENHANCED DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT

The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) is pleased to announce the release of the Federal Formula Grant **Enhanced Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Technical Assistance Project (DMC-TAP)** Request for Proposals (RFP). Funds made available through this program will support probation departments in the education and identification of DMC. CSA hopes to better equip these agencies with the tools and resources necessary for leadership in developing and/or strengthening community-based DMC reduction activities.

Project funds are awarded for one year, with the possibility of funds for two additional years if Congress appropriates money and a project has demonstrated effectiveness. A total of \$2.625 million is available over the course of three years for counties to participate in the Enhanced DMC-TAP; however, this competitive RFP is for first year funding only and each project proposal submitted may request funding up to \$150,000.

The <u>application and instructions</u> for this competitive RFP are posted on the CSA's website: <u>www.csa.ca.gov</u>. Only counties are eligible to apply for the DMC monies. Counties must designate the county Probation Department as the implementing agency of the project.

Proposals are due to the CSA on or before October 2, 2006. The RFP also includes details regarding an Applicants' Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, August 22nd, 2006 in Sacramento.

Should you have any questions about this RFP, please contact CSA's DMC Coordinator, Shalinee Hunter at 916/322-8081 (Shalinee.hunter@cdcr.ca.gov).

We encourage you to consider this funding opportunity, and we look forward to working with all prospective applicants!

Respectfully Submitted,

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